Antiques in the Custody of CBI

†††4664-G. SHRI RAM DEO BHANDARI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that priceless antiques in urgent need of restoration and proper presentation are in the custody of the Central Bureau of Investigation; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take to ensure the proper maintenance/restoration of antiques while in the custody of the CBI?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE (KUMARI SELJA): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The CBI/SIU (XII) has taken up the matter with Director General, National Museum, New Delhi for proper preservation and maintenance of antiques.

Poverty in Urban areas

@@@@4664H. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem appearing in Hindustan Times dated 31st July, 1993 under the caption 'Urban poor increasing that about 25th of the total urban population is living under poverty conditions inspite of the anti poverty programmes implemented by Government; and

(b) if so, whether any study was conducted by Government to find out the loopholes in the system and to facilitate increase in the living conditions of the urban poor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) and (b) On the basis of NSS 43rd Round 1987-88 (data) it is estimated that about 41.8 million people are living below the poverty line. This forms approximately 20 per ent of the total urban population. For alleviating poverty in urban areas, the Government of India are running two schemes viz. the Nehru Rozgar Yojana for providing income generating activities and the Scheme of Urban Basic Services for the Poor (UBSP) for providing the social amenities. These Schemes are being reviewed and monitored on a regular basis with a view to remove bottleneck and improve implementation.

12.00 Noon

STATEMENT BY MINISTER

Correcting the reply given in the Rajya Sabha on the 24th August, 1993 to starred question 390 regarding power generation target in Gujarat

MR. CHAIRMAN: Now, statement by Minister correcting answer to the question.

SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA (Uttar Pradesh): Sir, I have an objection here. This question was listed as a Starred Question in the name of Mr. Dave and this question was called on that day. But Mr. Dave could not ask his supplementary as the Question Hour was over. Therefore, Mr. Dave should be given an opportunity to ask his supplementary question and the Minister now cannot, at this stage, correct his answer.

SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN (Maharashtra): Mr. Dave has given notice for asking his supplementary.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Yes, he has given notice. Now, Mr. Salve.

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI N. K. P. SALVE): In the statement refer-

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Previously Unstarred Question 4363, transferred from 26th August, 1993.

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